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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 18, 2003 to March 18, 2004.

A check for the statutory small entity fee of \$475.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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